

On Wednesday, February 12, first year medical students were invited to the Eye Institute for Bench to Bedside, which is a program initiated in an effort to bring clinical education and experiences to students early in their education. Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences is one of many departments that participates in the program. Bench to Beside at the Eye Institute provides students exposure to ophthalmology they might not otherwise receive unless they are specifically interested in the specialty and seek out electives or shadowing opportunities.

Learning objectives for the course include discussing and performing the key steps of a comprehensive eye exam, discussing the possible risk of using various ophthalmic drops, and discussing common nomenclature used to record the eye exam and identify and how to extract important information from a sample note.

Two sessions were held at the Eye Institute as well as at the Green Bay and Central Wisconsin campuses. Each session began with a lecture by the Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences Director of Medical Student Education, Dr. Alexander Khammar, which was live streamed to students at regional campuses. Following the lecture, students broke out into small groups for hand-on learning sessions with faculty, residents, fellows and one community physician. Students at the regional campuses received hands-on instruction at local ophthalmology offices who have partnered with MCW.